

**Senate File 155 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to Medicaid postpartum coverage.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 249A.3, subsection 1, paragraph h, Code  
2 2021, is amended to read as follows:

3 h. Is a woman who, while pregnant, meets eligibility  
4 requirements for assistance under the federal Social Security  
5 Act, section 1902(1), and continues to meet the requirements  
6 except for income. The woman is eligible to receive assistance  
7 until ~~sixty days~~ twelve months after the date pregnancy ends.

8 Sec. 2. MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR POSTPARTUM CARE. Under  
9 both fee-for-service and managed care administration of  
10 Medicaid, the department of human services shall adopt rules  
11 pursuant to chapter 17A, amend any contract with a managed care  
12 organization, and apply for any Medicaid state plan amendment  
13 or waiver as may be necessary to provide continuous Medicaid  
14 eligibility for a woman for a twelve-month postpartum period,  
15 if the woman applied for Medicaid coverage before the end of  
16 the woman's pregnancy, was determined to be Medicaid eligible,  
17 and remains eligible for coverage during the month in which the  
18 woman's pregnancy ends. The woman's eligibility for coverage  
19 shall continue during the twelve-month postpartum period  
20 beginning with the last day of the woman's pregnancy through  
21 the end of the month in which the twelve-month period ends,  
22 shall continue without regard to the basis for the woman's  
23 eligibility or changes in family income or resources, and shall  
24 continue in the same coverage group under which the woman  
25 received Medicaid coverage while pregnant unless the woman  
26 qualifies for Medicaid under another coverage group once the  
27 pregnancy ends or unless the woman's eligibility is through the  
28 medically needy program.

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#### EXPLANATION

30 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
31 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

32 This bill requires that under both fee-for-service and  
33 managed care administration of Medicaid, the department of  
34 human services (DHS) shall adopt administrative rules, amend  
35 any contract with a managed care organization, and apply

1 for any Medicaid state plan amendment or waiver as may be  
2 necessary to provide continuous Medicaid eligibility for a  
3 woman for a 12-month postpartum period, if the woman applied  
4 for Medicaid coverage before the end of the woman's pregnancy,  
5 was determined to be Medicaid eligible, and remains eligible  
6 for coverage during the month in which the woman's pregnancy  
7 ends. The woman's eligibility for coverage shall continue  
8 during the 12-month postpartum period beginning with the last  
9 day of the woman's pregnancy through the end of the month in  
10 which the 12-month period ends, shall continue without regard  
11 to the basis for the woman's eligibility or changes in family  
12 income or resources, and shall continue in the same coverage  
13 group under which the woman received Medicaid coverage while  
14 pregnant unless the woman qualifies for Medicaid under another  
15 coverage group once the pregnancy ends or unless the woman's  
16 eligibility is through the medically needy program.